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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
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No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, March 22, 1882.

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(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

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F. COCHINARD,
Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George The First.

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THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

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Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have been appointed Agents for the Mitsu BUSSAN KAISHA, of Tokio, at This Port.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

ON and after this Date the Undersigned resumes his Duties as SECRETARY of the Company.

By Order of the Directors,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 20, 1882.

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NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their GOODS by MESSRS KYNOCH & CO., of Witton, near BIRMINGHAM.

MEYER & CO.
Hongkong, August 13, 1881.

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For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

BANDAUER'S CELEBRATED CIRCULAR POINTED PENS,—do not scratch the Paper, nor spurt the Ink.

CHUBB'S SAFES,—afford perfect protection against Fire and Burglars.

PIANOS by BROADWOOD & COLLARD,

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BOTTLED BEER by FOSTER & SONS.

BORDEAUX WINES, bottled by ADLT SEWARD & CO.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Are Special Agents for the Sale of the above.

Hongkong, April 12, 1882.

Insurances.

THAMES AND MERSEY MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—1, ROYAL EXCHANGE BUILDINGS, LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in HONKOKH and CHINA for the above Company are prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual Discounts.

ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, May 3, 1881.

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PRUSSIAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY, OF STETTIN.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to Grant Insurances against FIRE at Current Rates.

MEYER & CO.
Hongkong, May 10, 1881.

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LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL.—TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO., Agents, Hongkong, January 4, 1882.

Hongkong, April 12, 1882.

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Intimations.

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THE CHINA AND JAPAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, (IN LIQUIDATION).

A FINAL DIVIDEND, at the Rate of TAKES 5.15 per Share has been declared, payable at the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANK on and after the 15th instant.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS may be obtained from the Undersigned upon production of the Scrip for Cancellation.

LITTLE & CO., Liquidators.
Shanghai, 11th March, 1882.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE—1881, IN LIQUIDATION.

THE LIQUIDATORS having decided to pay a FIRST DIVIDEND of £500 per Share (being on account of Capital and Reserve Fund), Shareholders are hereby notified that the said Sum will be paid them on their handing their SHARE CERTIFICATES to the Undersigned for Endorsement.

F. R. JOHNSON, Liquidators.
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, 1881.

Hongkong, March 29, 1882.

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

Colonial Newspapers received at the office are regularly filed for the inspection of Advertisers and the Public.

TOK KEE,
COAL MERCHANT,
33, WING HING LANE, HONGKONG,
KEEPS on hand for Sale all Kinds of STEAM COAL of the best quality, at moderate rate; also has always POWERFUL STEAM LAUNCHES for Hire at a reasonable Charge, either for special Purposes, Excursions, or Towing.

GEO. MURRAY BAIN,
China Mail Office.
Hongkong, January 13, 1882.

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NOTICE OF LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that those Parties who bought TICKETS from the Undersigned, from 7th Month of last year, to the 1st Month of this current year, of which some deserved to get Prizes, are requested to send in the same to collect the DISTRIBUTION before the 27th DAY of APRIL, 1882. Take note, after this date, no Demand whatever shall be recognised against the Undersigned in respect to this matter.

Fearing questions may arise in future, this Advertisement is specially published by TUNG YOUNG LEUNG YIK SOCIETY.

Hongkong, April 8, 1882.

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NOTICE.

THE ISSUES OF 1878 WANTED.

Apply to this Office.

Hongkong, October 4, 1880.

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NEWS FOR HOME.

The Overland China Mail,
(The oldest Overland Paper in China.)

PUBLISHED AT THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE

AT THE TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely printed matter.

THIS Mail Summary is compiled from the Daily China Mail, is published twice a month on the morning of the English Mail's departure, and is a record of each fortnight's current history of events in China and Japan, contributed in original reports and collated from the journals published at the various ports in those Countries.

It contains Shipping news from Shanghai, Hongkong, Canton

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
WILL REMOVE ON 1ST MAY
to their
NEW AND EXTENSIVE
PREMISES,
No. 53, Queen's Road East
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONER'S),
WHERE they have special facilities for
conducting their Town and Harbour
Business, and trust to merit a continuance
of Public Confidence and Support.

A FULL STOCK OF STORES,
WINES, &c.,
ALWAYS ON HAND, INCLUDING:

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CHRISTMAS CAKES.
TESSONEAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.
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SMYRNA FIGS.

PICNIC TONGUES.
COCCATINA.
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
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FRENCH PLUMS.

HUNTER & PALMER'S BISCUITS.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.
MINCEMEAT.
CHOCOLATE—MENIER.
SAUSAGES.

BROWN.
ISIGNY BUTTER.
DANISH BUTTER.
BREAKFAST TONGUES.
ANCHOVIES.
ASPARAGUS.
SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

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HEDGES MONOPOLE & WHITE
SEAL.
VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.
JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

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CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.
CHATEAU LAFITE, " "
LES GRAVES, " "
BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SHERRIES & PORT—
SAUCONNE MANZANILLA & AMON.
THIAGO.
SAUCONNE OLD INVALID PORT
(1848).
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—
1, 2, & 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
BRIQUE D'TOUCHE & Co.'S BRANDY.
FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
KIRKMAN'S LL WHISKY.
ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.
CHARTREUSE.
MARASCHINO.
CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA.
BOHEMIA'S ORANGE BITTERS.
&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BURKE, pints and quarts.
PILSENER BEER, in quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in half-heads.

TOPCAN BUTTER.
Eastern and California CHEESE.
Boneless CODFISH.

Print HAMS and BACON.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.

PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.
PICKLED OX-TONGUES.

FAMILY PIG-PORK in kegs and pieces.

Paragon MACKREL in 5 lb cans.

Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.

Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage
MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted PICKLES.

MINCEMEAT.

COMB HONEY in Original Frames.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted
MEATS.

Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.

" " Lunch TONGUE.

McCarthy's Sugar LEMONADE.

Clam CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.

Great TURTLE in 24 lb cans.

etc., etc., etc.

YACHT & PICNIC SUPPLIES.

**C ALIFORNIA
RACKER
COMPANY'S BISCUITS** in 5 lb
tins, and loose.

Alphabetical BIS-
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Fancy Sweet Mixed
BISCUITS.

GINGER CAKES.

Soda BISCUITS.

Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.

OATMEAL.

HOMINY.

CORNMEAL.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.

RYE MEAL.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

C I G A R S .

New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
5 and 10 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU at 25 cents p. lb.

SHIPCHANDLERY of every Description.

MACKINNON PEN.

LIVERMORE PEN.

LAWN TENNIS BATS.

LAWN TENNIS BALLS.

LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

Hongkong, April 15, 1882.

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY.

SIGNOR HOFLICH
Begs to inform the Public of Hongkong, that

THE WILL BE
AN EXTRA PERFORMANCE,
TO-MORROW EVENING,

the 18th Instant,

FOR THE BENEFIT OF
SIGNOR GAETANO CIOCCI,

PRIMO BARITONO ABSOLUTO.

On which occasion will be produced

VERNI'S CELEBRATED OPERA IN FOUR ACTS,

" RIGOLETTO."

DRAMATIS PERSONAE.

Il Duca di Mantova. Signor Vanzetti.
Rigoletto. Signor Cenci.
Gilda. Signor Pinelli.
Spavaficio. Signor Corti.
Madalena. Signor Silini.
Giovanna. Signor Bertolini.
Monterone. Signor Paternio.
Rosa. Signor Brinetti.
Marullo. Signor Caprani.
Contessa Ceprano. Signor Bertolini.
Un Paggio. Signor Brinetti.

BETWEEN THE 2ND AND 3RD ACTS
SIGNOR CIOCCHI

THE GRAND OPERA "OH! LISBONA
ALTA DI MOURA," FROM DONIZETTI'S
"DON SEBASTIANO."

The Subscription List is now open at

MESSRS KELLY & WALSH'S.

Hongkong, April 17, 1882.

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THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF H. E. THE
ADMINISTRATOR.

ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY.

THE FOURTH PERFORMANCE OF THE
SECOND SUBSCRIPTION SERIES
OF SIX OPERAS.

Will be given on

SATURDAY EVENING,

the 22nd April, when will be produced

DONIZETTI'S GRAND OPERA

" L'ELISIR D'AMORE."

Price of Admission:

Dress Circle, \$3; Stalls, \$2; Pit, \$1.

Tickets can be obtained at MESSRS KELLY
& WALSH'S, and at the Doors on the Night

of the Performance.

Doors open at 8.30 p.m.; Performance to

commence at 9 p.m., sharp.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen

cannot be admitted.

A. HOFLICH.

Hongkong, April 17, 1882.

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S U P R E M E C O U R T.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

N O T I C E is hereby given, that the JURY
MEN and WITNESSES summoned

for TUESDAY, the 18th Instant, need not

attend on that day, but on THURSDAY,

the 19th Instant, at 10 a.m., precisely.

EDW. J. ACKROYD,

Registrar.

Hongkong, April 17, 1882.

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**COLONEL IKE AUSTIN'S NEW
AMERICAN RIFLE RANGE,**

UNITED CLUB, STATION STREET, OPPOSITE
THE UNION CHURCH.

BELL TARGETS, FLYING AND STA-
TIONARY BIRDS, &c., &c.

Popular Prices:

FOUR SHOTS for..... 25 Cents.

Gallery open daily from 4 to 12 p.m., to
all respectable Members of the Community.

Hongkong, April 17, 1882.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship
"Patroclus."

Captain WHITE will be

despatched on or about

THURSDAY, the 20th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1882.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship
"Thales"

Captain POOCOCK, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on THURSDAY, the 20th Instant, at

Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, April 17, 1882.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for CHEFOO, NEWCHENGWANG, TIEN-
TSIN, HANKOW and Ports on
the YANTZSZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
"Jason"

Captain BROWN, will be

despatched on or about

the 25th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINS, MATTHESON & Co.

Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1882.

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**NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR BATAVIA, SAMARANG AND
SOURABAYA, VIA PONTIANAK.

The Co.'s Steamship
"Achilles"

Captain M. de NEFF, will be

despatched for the above Ports on or about the 22nd Instant.

tion at the saluting base, and the men marched down the slope, in column, passed at the "trail," and then went down the hill at the "double." The regiment then went through various manoeuvres under the officers of the companies. The whole of the movements and exercises were creditably and efficiently gone through. After having performed the usual evolutions the men were formed into line, advanced in review order, and gave the general salute, and were then marched off the ground. H. E. the General was accompanied by his aide de camp, Lieut. Allen, Major Cardew, Assistant Military Secretary, Captain Bury, Brigade Major, and Lieut. Barclay, Fort Adjutant.

The London *Daily News* says there has been some delay in the publication of the Blue Book on domestic servitude in Hongkong. On Thursday, therefore, Mr. Alexander McArthur will ask the Under-Secretary for the Colonies when this Blue Book will be in the hands of members.

The Peking correspondent of the *N.C.D. News* says that Tao Tsung-t'ang wants more men to assist in his administration at Nanking. He has written for four Tao-tai, one Che-fu, one Che-chou, one Tung-che and one Tung-pan. Every official ought to seek to surround himself with the competent and to dismiss the incompetent. The Emperor grants the request. Such requests are never refused, especially when the Throne has confidence in the man who selects and who has shown his administrative ability by collecting round his efficient subordinates.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to the *N.C.D. News* from Chinkiang:—The Viceroy Tao Tsung-t'ang is shortly expected here on visit, and his presence is much needed, for the officials are getting particularly drawsy and sadly want shaking up. We are shortly to lose Mr. Smithers, United States Consul at this port; a loss that will be felt by the community generally. He returns to Smyrna to take up the Consulship there, a position he occupied for fifteen years prior to his coming to China.—Mr. Smithers arrived in Shanghai yesterday (11th) per Kiang-kuan.

The London correspondent of the *Manchester Examiner*, under date of 8th March, gives the following items of news:— "I understand that Sir John Poole, Hennessy's recall on leave of absence from Hongkong has been necessitated by the absolute deadlock into which the affairs of the island have got owing to the inability of the Governor to work amicably with any of his subordinates, most of whom are constantly being changed, with, however, always the same result. It is not probable that Sir John will resume active service, a short time he will be entitled to a pension."

The *N.C.D. News* says:—The Viceroy Li Hung-chang has issued an order recently which will meet with a degree of compliance most unusual in official experience, an order that has given immense satisfaction to all the maritime ports, in that it exempts the local authorities and guilds from an onerous tax. It is, that the triennial demand for war-junks is not again to be made, and the work commenced for the construction of a new supply has been abandoned. This was a tax which was reluctantly submitted to for the reason that when those tribute war-junks arrived at Shan-hai-Kuan and east another, they were never moved thence, but rotted at anchor, being gradually dismantled, and their stores and movable utensils removed. Various guilds at the ports were obliged to furnish materials at less than cost price. This change, we are informed, is due to the introduction of steam gunboats.

It would seem that the scare as to the closing of the Kuiping coal mines was comparatively groundless, the disturbing influence to the manes of the departed great emanating from the copper mines, which it would seem are in close proximity to the Imperial Mausolea. The *News* says that the Shih Pao informs its readers that so far from the K'aiting coal-mines being shut up, they are now turning out more and more coal every day, and that the prospects in the immediate future are most encouraging. It gives a distinct denial to the statement of the foreign press—evidently, however, at the time by the Shih Pao itself—that the coal-mines were ever going to be closed; and assured all shareholders that they have no ground to be disquieted. We believe the whole mistake may have been a very simple one. It was the copper, never the coal, mines, that were said to interfere with the repose of the soul of Tzai An. The copper-mines are dangerous, near to the Imperial Mausolea; the coal-mines, happily for China, are a very long way off.

An Annamite from Saigon named Tran-Nguyen-Hahn has been admitted to the French bar after a brilliant examination. He is the first of his nation who has taken a degree in France.

REGARDING the protection of Submarine Cables; the Board of Trade have requested of Mr. Pender, M.P., a map showing the position of all the present telegraph cables, and a set of clauses completely drawn, and embodying the provisions which the colonies wish to see made law.

"SALFO."

Saturday evening was the first time this opera has ever been presented to a Hongkong audience, and considering the difficulties a travelling company has to surmount, as to scenery, choruses and accessories, the performance on Saturday evening may be scored as a triumph for the indefatigable troupe that for the past few weeks has catered for our little community. A fine of \$2, imposed with the opium article, was imposed on Friday night.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF OPIUM. Su Ashun, unemployed, was charged with being in possession of prepared opium without having a valid certificate, on the 10th instant.

Action P. S. Smith entered the house No. 243 Queen's Road East on Saturday evening, and after searching, found a quantity of opium, and a number of articles used in the preparation of opium. The defendant was pointed out to Smith as the master of the house by an informer.

The defendant was discharged, but the opium utensils were forfeited.

ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE. Hu Wing Bing, was proved to have been one of five who succeeded, by using violence, in stealing an umbrella from Chang Sing Fuk, supercargo on board the *Cards*, while the latter was walking along Queen's Road West on Saturday evening. A fine of \$2, was imposed, with the opium article, and some tunc.

CHINA. Leung Yan, unemployed, was charged on remand, with others not in custody, with cutting and wounding one Yam Lang on the 3rd instant, since which date the wounded man has been confined in Hospital.

The complainant who is a coppersmith,

said that he had come from Canton about a month ago. On the 3rd instant he went to a hawk's stall in Queen's Road West to buy sugar-cane, and while standing there along with several others, he felt some one touch him. He turned round and saw the defendant with a dagger in his hand. He received stabs on three different parts of his body, one on the upper part of the left leg, another on his left breast, and one on the left arm. The complainant knew the defendant as a coppersmith, and he knew that the old coppersmiths did not care for new ones. In answer to the defendant's question as to whether he was the man as he heard him say before he was stabbed, "Why do you come here to work?"

The defendant denied the charge, and said he was a coppersmith or an employee. He had seen the complainant before at the coppersmith's house.

Dr. Alcandro gave evidence as to the extent of the wounds, and said there was one on the left thigh, about two or three and a half inches in length; another on the left side of the left arm, both incised wounds, and one punctured wound on the left side of the thorax, about an eighth of an inch in depth. The doctor did not express any opinion as to whether they were of a serious nature or not.

The case was again remanded till the 24th instant.

KIDNAPPIRE.

Young Fuk, the taster, was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court, on the charge of bringing into this Colony a girl named Tsoi Fai Kiu, 13 years of age, for unlawful purposes. The complainant's story was that his aunt visited her father's house at Tung Koon, and took her away for a day or two to see her relations. Her aunt then took her to the defendant's house at Honan, where she remained four days. On the 31st March the defendant conveyed her to Canton, and from there to Hongkong by the night steamer, saying that she would be shown her relations. She never saw any of her relations, however, but was left at a Chinese house of a Chinese constable. The constable waited in the house until the defendant returned, and, having during the interim heard the girl's story, arrested him. One witness in the case said that the defendant had said that he was willing to sell the girl, and that he had been offered \$120, on board the steamer. The defendant denied having anything to do with the girl, and said that the girl's aunt had taken her to the Hongkong boat. He was allowed bail in two sureties of \$50 each.

(Before H. E. Weddhouse, Esq.)

EARRING SNATCHING. Wong Ayan, an inmate of a brothel, while walking in Gap Street, yesterday, had her earrings snatched by Li Asing, hawk. The thief was caught by a constable who had suspected and dogged him. Sentence of six months' imprisonment with hard labour was imposed.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY FROM THE PERSON. Leung Akii yesterday attempted to abstract some money from the pocket of Andrew Dunk, a picture-seaman on board the British barque *Mortha*. The young "tar" was standing looking in a shop window at the time of the occurrence, and owing to the clumsy manner that the defendant made the attempt Dunk was put on the alert, and caught the defendant in the act. The Magistrate sentenced the Chinaman to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

ATTEMPT TO MAKE OFF WITH A PAIR OF STOCKS. Leung Ayan, coolie, yesterday afternoon, picked up a pair of shoes belonging to U Aung, who was employed dressing stones at a place near the entrance to the Shuey Wan Market. The stone dresser ran after the coolie, who bolted with the shoes, and ere the latter had gone he was stopped by a constable, whose attention was called to the affair. Three weeks' imprisonment with hard labour was imposed.

Hoihow. (From a Correspondent.)

During the past week great excitement has prevailed at Hoihow, an account of the representative of a newly established foreign hong, shooting some Chinese dogs in the streets of Hoihow, and eventually wounding an old Chinese woman. For several days a large crowd collected in front of H. M. Consulate, where the woman had been carried, and for some time serious disturbances threatened to take place. Owing, however, to the energetic steps of H. M. Consul, the crowd dispersed, and the case has now been settled by payment of a small sum to the woman and the owners of the poor animals.

It is reported that our present Consul will soon leave our port for Formosa, and that Mr. Jordan from Canton will take his place here.

BUSINESS HAS BEEN LIVELY. Tonnage has been very scarce lately; there is lots of cargo lying for your port ready for shipment, and suitable steamers may get good freights.

China.

(N.C. Daily News.) There is a report in Hienan that Li Hung-chang, the Viceroy of the Liang Hu, is likely to be called to Peking to take the post rendered vacant by the death of Mao Chang-hsi. It does not meet with much credence, however.

About 11.45 on Friday night a foreigner had a narrow escape from drowning. A sampan-man was paddling his own canoe somewhere near the Garden Bridge when he heard a splash as of some one or something falling into the water. He hurried towards the direction indicated by the noise, and discovered an unfortunate gentleman vainly endeavouring to swim. He immediately took him into the boat, pulled for the shore, and reported the circumstance to the police, by whom, the rescued man was escorted to a hotel, where he was taken care of. Whether he fell off the bridge by accident or attempted suicide is doubtful as he was considerably under the influence of liquor at the time of the affair taking place. The sum of forty cents was generously sent to the Central Station, to be given to the sampan-man as a reward for his services.

The Spanish lorcha *Kingdooco*, Captain Rivero, which left this a few days ago for one of the riverine ports with a general cargo, was lost on the night of the 4th or morning of the 5th inst. near the Central Bazaar. From the statements of the crew it appears that the night being dark and rainy it was extremely difficult, if not impossible, to see the way ahead. The vessel suddenly struck against a sandbank,

Leung Yan, unemployed, was charged on remand, with others not in custody, with cutting and wounding one Yam Lang on the 3rd instant, since which date the wounded man has been confined in Hospital.

The complainant who is a coppersmith,

heeled over on her side, filled with water, and sank. The whole of the crew were rescued by fishing boats which were close at hand and brought on to Shanghai in one of them, where they arrived at 2 p.m. on Monday. With the exception of about a hundred cases of kerosene oil, the cargo has shared the fate of the lorcha.

There are rumours among the Chinese that the Tsoi Tai will be removed shortly from his post, and will return to his native province for a time.

The defendant denied the charge, and said he was a coppersmith or an employee. He had seen the complainant before at the coppersmith's house.

We have been requested to call the attention of the authorities to the constant firing of the Chinese artillery at the Woosung forts, without any warning being given to either out-going or incoming steamers. On

Monday evening, whilst the steamer *Amoy* was coming up from Hongkong, the weather at the time being foggy, and impossible for gunners to see a target, but there had been one fixed, a ball passed between the *Amoy's* masts. This is not all, however; for yesterday the steamer *Fukien*, on entering the port, received a similar reception. On passing the line of range, a ball was fired, which fell within 200 feet of the bows of the steamer. That the matter should be inquired into at once there is no doubt; and we hear that the affair will be officially represented to the Chinese authorities.

(Mercury, 12th April.)

What threatens to be the most extensive fire which has occurred in Shanghai, since the great fire in the French Concession in August, 1879, has just broken out on the north bank of the *Szechow* Creek, at the place which is known as the old railway station. The fire broke out in a small Chinese house in the North Hotel Road, a short distance north of the Japanese hotel, which was built as the railway hotel. There was a strong wind blowing from the northwest the fire, as it once burst from the small house in which it originated, spread with enormous rapidity. The Fire Brigade turned out with their usual promptitude, the first to arrive on the scene being the Mts Ho Long Hook and Ladder Truck, then the "Dong," next the "Victoria," and the Hongkong No. 2 and the French engine "Trenton" were a few minutes later. The fire soon enveloped the Japanese hotel, and the line of two-story foreign buildings on the north side of the Creek are evidently doomed; the houses next the hotel were in flames about half-past six, fully half an hour after the fire broke out. The engines were then just getting to work, and the wind was still blowing from the north-west. The fire soon enveloped the Japanese hotel, and the line of two-story foreign buildings on the north side of the Creek are evidently doomed; the houses next the hotel were in flames about half-past six, fully half an hour after the fire broke out. The engines were then just getting to work, and the wind was still blowing from the north-west. The fire soon enveloped the Japanese hotel, and the line of two-story foreign buildings on the north side of the Creek are evidently doomed; the houses next the hotel were in flames about half-past six, fully half an hour after the fire broke out. 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